

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are currently pending in the application. In the Office Action of November 17, 2004, a restriction requirement was issued, alleging that patentably distinct species existed corresponding to Figs. 1, 2, 4 and 5, respectively. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the assertion that multiple species exist, however, in order to comply with the restriction requirement, application elects the species of Figs. 4 and 5 relating to the tapered electrical connector pads, in which claim 13 is readable thereon.

In addition, it is respectfully submitted that to the extent that multiple species do exist, claim 1 is generic to all such species. Consequently, claim 1 (upon which claim 13 depends) should also be examined in conjunction with claim 13, and if claim 1 is held to be allowable, claims 2-12 and 14-21 should be brought back into the application.

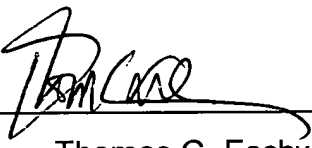
Consideration of elected claims 1 and 13 is respectfully requested.

I. CONCLUSION

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 50-1733, MAIKP108US.

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